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SUBJECT: OECD TRADE COMMITTEE WORKING PARTY ON GOVERNMENT
PROCUREMENT

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1. U.S. VIEWS RE DEC 10 - 13 MEETING OF THE WORKING PARTY
ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT CONVEYED SWISS OFFICIAL (LEVY)
WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN MEETING. LEVY REITERATED DOUBTS
RE ADDITIONAL TCWP WORK AS EXPRESSED OCT 22 TC MEETING
(OECD PARIS 27896). HOWEVER LEVY NOW FEELS IT CAN BE
USEFUL FOR TCWP TO ATTEMPT CLARIFY AND FURTHER DEFINE
REMAINING POLICY DIFFERENCES IN ORDER FACILITATE DISCUSSION AT
NEXT TC MEETING IN FEBURARY.

2. LEVY ALSO COMMENTED THAT HE HAS RECENTLY BEEN IMPRESSED
BY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN PURCHASING PRACTICES WHICH
PROPOSED CODE WOULD ENTAIL AND ANTICIPATED THAT
GOVERNMENTAL PURCHASING OFFICERS AND PRIVATE FIRMS
WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO CHANGE THEIR PRACTICES. HE LOOKS
FORWARD TO INQUIRING OF U.S. REP AT DECEMBER MEETING
RE EXTENT TO WHICH USG PURCHASING ENTITIES ARE AWARE OF
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PROPOSED CODE AND CHANGES WHICH WOULD BE REQUIRED.

3. LEVY ALSO COMMENTED ON RELATIONSHIP OECD GOVERNMENT
PURCHASING WORK AND MTN NTB EXERCISE. HE THOUGHT
BALANCING RECIPROCITY IN GOVERNMENT PURCHASING WITH OTHER
NTB AREAS WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT.
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